

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, 33, 34, 39-51, 53-59, 62-68, 70-76, and 79-84 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-18, 33, 34, 39-51, 53-59, 62-68, 70-76, and 79-84 stand rejected. Applicants request further review and examination in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Allowability of Related Case

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance in a related case Application No. 10/646,645 and advise the Examiner to review the file history of the '645 Application.

Summary of Examiner Interview

On January 13, 2009 the undersigned conducted an interview with Examiner Ly and his Supervisor. During the interview the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections were discussed. No agreement as to the allowability of the claims was reached.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 3-18, 33, 34, 39-51, 53-59, 62-68, 70-76, and 79-84 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly including new matter. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection Applicants have amended claims to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims submitted in the response to Office Action dated March 27, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejections are overcome.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants request the Examiner reconsider the rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance of all the claims.

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